

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 623
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Steven John Bartek, 2000
Valedictorian of Gallatin High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Steven Bartek is one such exceptional student who recently was named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Steven has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Steven Bartek has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Steven's intellect has been recognized by being named as a National Merit Finalist, in addition to being selected to attend the Governor's School for the Humanities and the YMCA Conference on National Affairs; he has also been a member of the Beta Club for the past three years, where he served as Junior Class Representative; and

WHEREAS, Steven's math skills are unparalleled as a Math Team member during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. He would have been a member during his senior year, but he had the great distinction of finishing the highest class available (Calculus) for competition before his senior year and was, therefore, ineligible to join the team. However, Steven was still able to capture third place in the Algebra II competition and first place in the Advanced Topics II (Calculus) division in previous years; and

WHEREAS, in tenth and twelfth grade, Steven took third place in the Practical Science Lab of the Science Olympiad; and

WHEREAS, Steven's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, he has displayed a flair for the dramatic arts as an integral member of the National Forensic League, of which he has rendered astute service as the club's vice-president in the eleventh grade and as the secretary during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, Steven has demonstrated a gifted musical ability in his piano playing and has been a distinguished member of the National Piano Guild for nine years, studying the classical style for eleven years and jazz for two years; and

WHEREAS, Steven Bartek has brought harmony to Gallatin High School as a member of the chorus and the Performers, an elite group of singers within his high school chorus; and

WHEREAS, despite his rigorous class schedule and demanding extracurricular activities, Steven still found time to donate his remarkable talents and skills helping the yearbook staff; and

WHEREAS, Steven has demonstrated his tremendous leadership abilities with his participation in Tennessee Tomorrow, Youth Legislature, and Model United Nations; he currently presides as President, was named Best Representative of the Red House, was selected to attend the Conference on National Affairs, and served as the Floor Leader of the Red Senate in Youth Legislature. In Model United Nations, Steven was voted Best Delegation and Best Proposal; and

WHEREAS, Steven Bartek's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John and Anne Bartek, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Steven plans to further his education at either Kenyon College or Haverford College; and

WHEREAS, Steven's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Gallatin High School Valedictorian, Steven John Bartek, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.